Functions of National Crime Record Bureau

1214. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the functions of the newly established National Crime Record Bureau; and

(b) what would be the advantages and expenditure on this new system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) The functions of the National Crime Record Bureau are as follows:—

(i) To function as clearing house of information on crime and criminals;

(ii) To store, coordinate and disseminate information on inter-state and international criminals;

(iii) To collect and process crime statistics at the national level;

(iv) To receive from and supply data to penal and correctional agencies for their tasks of rehabilitation of criminals, their remand, parole, premature release, etc;

(v) To coordinate, guide and assist the functioning of the State Crime Records Bureau;

(vi) To provide training facilities to personnel of the Crime Records Bureau; and

(vii) To evaluate, develop and modernise Crime Records Bureau.

(b) The organisation will store and produce computerised data on crime records including criminals, fingerprints in an integrated fashion in one organisation.

The estimated expenditure towards the cost of automated equipment for National Crime Record Bureau will be about Rs. 15 crores in the next two years and estimated expenditure on creation of additional posts would be Rs. 50 lakhs per annum.

Land under fuelwood and fodder plantation

1215. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Wasteland Development Board has fixed a target of bringing five million hectares of land every year under fuelwood and fodder plantations; and

(b) if so, what is the plan of action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir. The annual target of afforesting five Million hectares is proposed to be achieved during the Seventh Plan period.

(b) The Action Plan drawn up by the National Wastelands Development Board for implementation by the State/UT Governments has the following key elements.

(i) Identification of Wastelands:

Each State/U.T. Government has been requested to identify wastelands in their territory whether they be in forest area, revenue/common lands or degraded farm lands.

(2) *People's Involvement*:

This will be ensured by the following measures:—

(a) *Decentralised Nurseries*: People's nurseries i.e. kisans, schools, women, youth groups, voluntary agencies, etc., will be motivated to meet the increased demand of seedlings.

(b) *Farm Forestry*: Farmers will be motivated to take up tree farming on their marginal lands and planting on their field bunds. A rational policy in regard to distribution of seedlings should be evolved.

(c) *Tree Growers' Cooperatives*: Tree growers' cooperatives should be organised with the involvement